whether any Public Sector undertaking incurred; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and how Government propose ot revamp such Undertakings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) The equity capital of the puplic sector enterprises in the oil sector as on 31-3-92 has been furnished in Annexure. (See Appendix CLXVII, ANNEXURE No. 22)

(to) The information has been furnished in the Annexures (Se_e Appendix CLXVTI, ANNEXURE N_0 23)

(c) The likely production in each undertaking during 1993-94 has been furnished in Annexure—(See Appendix CLXVTI, ANNEXURE No. 24) The production targets are fixed on yearly basis. The extent of loss, if any, to be incurred by any PSU can not be assessed at this stage.

(d) Does not arise.

Small LPG Cylinder

1831. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state;

(a) Whether Government's attention has lv en drawn to a news item appeared recently in the Indian Express, Delhi, under the caption "LPG small cylinder is deadly", if so, what is Government'? rea:'ioii trvTet"

(b) Whether it is a fact that small cylinder are filled by tapping LPG from doemstic cylinders supplied by Oil companies; and

(c) Whether Government propose to take stringent action against the small cylinder dealers by bringing in necessary amendment to Explosives Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Oil Industry have taken aclion with the help of local administration against the Mini Gas Cylinder Manufacturers oj; Meerut. Oil Marketing Companies also carry out inspoc-tions to check pilferage of LPG for unauthorised filling of mini cylindeds.

(c) According to the Department of Industrial Development, 9 licence is red under Gas Cylinders Roles 1981 if fhe total quantity of gas in possession exceeds 160 kgs. at any one time.

M/S Parniar Refinery Corporaiton (India Ltd)

1832. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minster of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GRS be pleased to state:

'a) whether Government have approved and l'cenced Ms Parmar Refinery Corporation (India) Ltd. to erect Refinery and market LPG.

(b) what is the approved location and period require for putting the refinery in full operation; and

(c) whether the marketing of Pe troleum products by Parmar would be controlled by pricing formula laid down by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA); (a) to (c) Government of India has issued a Letter of Intent to M|s. International Petroleum SA (BVI), Switzerland to set up a 5 MMTPA oil refiniry at West Coast of Gujarat under 100 per cent export-Oriented Scheme. The entire production shall be exported to the general currency area/hard currency are a countries. 25 per cent, of the production is, however, allowed to be said in the domestic tariff area (DTA).

This 25 per cent production will be marketed as per :he marketing and pr'cing^disciplines in force.

Complaints on GAS Agencies Regarding Gas Connection in Sagar District

1833. SHRI RAM NARESH YA DAV; Will the Minister of PETRO LEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that. a number of com pit nts were received regarding manipulations being done by the gas agenck ; in Sagar in issuance of gas connections to consumers at district dealers;

(b) if soj what are the names of those gas agencies and

(c) what actio i has been taken against the guilty dealers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA-; (a) to (c) M|s. Hindustan Petroleu n Corporation Ltd. is ivesligating into the alleged malpractices involving their LPG distributor viz. M|s. Vineet Gas Agency at Sagar.

Opening Medium and Small Size Oil Fields to Joint & Private Sectors

1834. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN; Will the Minister of . PETROLEUM AND NATURAL CIAS be pleased to mate:

(a) when was the decision taken by Government to open out medium and small size oil 3elds to joint and private sectors;

(b) on what date, the bids were invited for each of the above fields; and

(c) what are the reasons for the delay in implementing the decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE**OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA); (a) The decision to offer 43 fields —12 medium and 31 small-sized oil and gas fields—for development was taken on 2nd July, 1992.

(b) The bids wer$_e$ invited through advertisements in leading newspapers on 24th Augi ft, 1992.

(cj There wals no delay in implementing the decision. The time between taking 'be decision and inviting bi's wa? requiied for putting together promotional material and getting the bidding document ready.

Konkan Railway Project

1835. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH; Will (he Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) what ar$_e$ the details of the Konkan Railway Projects;

(b) what will be its length; what is its starting point and what is its destination; and

(c) this project is at present at what stage of completion and by when is the rest expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA); (a) and (b) Konkan Railway Project covers construction of a 760 Kms. long new B.G. line on Western coast of India linking Roha near Bombay on the northern end to Ma-ngalor$_e$ on the hem end.

68 Kms. section between Man-lore-Udipi has already been opened to traffic end 48 Kms. long section between Roha and Veer is ready for opening. Th$_e$ project is targetted for completion in 1994-95, subject t.o nvailability of funds.